Free Anti-Virus Software Available to DoD Employees

DoD Web sites now offer free anti-virus software intended for use on members' home computers to add an extra layer of defense against unauthorized intrusion.
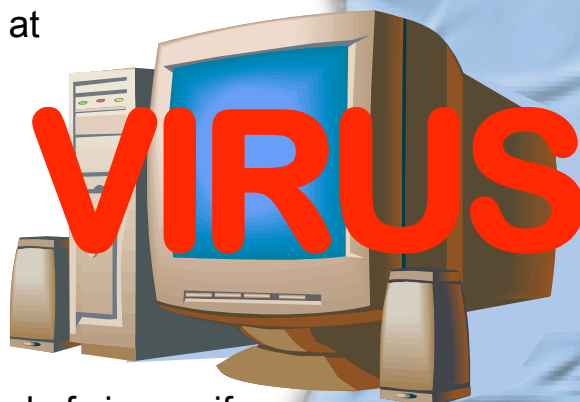
Downloading and installing anti-virus software at home can stop viruses before they can be introduced to DoD computers.

"What we see is a lot of viruses are spreading from laptops brought in from home. Sailors bring them to work and hook them up at work," said Cryptologic Technician (Communications) 1st Class (SW) Matthew Conger. "We'd see a big decrease in the spread of viruses if people simply download anti-virus software and install it on their home computers."

Members must be at a .mil workstation to access sites offering free anti-virus software. They can either download via file transfer protocol or go to the INFOSEC FAQ page, then choose the software. Anti-virus software from McAfee is available, in addition to Symantec and TrendMicro.

Mac users can download McAfee Virex software and signatures for OS X, as well as earlier Mac operating systems.

To obtain software, go to the SPAWAR Web site at www.infosec.navy.mil, and click on "Anti-Virus Information." The same software is also available at www.navcirt.navy.mil, or the DoD site at www.cert.mil/antivirus/av_info.htm.